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HILARION'S RETREAT ON THE ISLAND OF CRETE

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Basking in the warm sunshine on the lovely island of Crete, which lies gracefully on the blue breast of the Mediterranean Sea, is the Retreat of the Master of the Fifth Ray, known as Hilarion, Chohan of Scientific Development, and Guardian of the many lifestreams belonging to the earth's evolution who have styled themselves as "materialists," "agnostics" and "sceptics" with relation to the belief and faith in spiritual survival, Divine intercession and God assistance upon the journey through the world of form.

The endeavors of Hilarion and His Brotherhood are to draw the interest and cooperation of the scientifically minded lifestreams of earth into the exact science applied by the Creator of this Universe and His Messengers and workers in the Kingdom whereby form is created and sustained and order is maintained throughout each galaxy, universe and planet belonging to the Divine Plan of God Himself. In previous lives, Hilarion was known as Iamblichus, the Neoplatonic writer, and Saint Paul, the Christian Apostle and follower of The Master, Jesus.

This Brotherhood is also the self appointed Guardian Presence of those blessed children of earth who have devoted their lives to furthering the cause of scientific treatment and healing of disease, the doctors, nurses and missionaries, and those interested in research to determine the physical causes of the afflictions to which mankind are heir, as well as the vast army of unknown heroes and heroines who work in the research laboratories and

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privately within their own homes to develop and perfect inventions, formulas, and the many improvements which, added to the present developed comforts and conveniences of mankind, will hasten the freedom of the race from limitations and privations of every kind and description. The minds and hearts of the bold explorers into the realm of the unknown are the recipients of the developed perfection of this Brotherhood, and many an earnest lifestream who has endeavored in vain to draw forth the secrets of nature has been the beneficiary of the concentrated rays of energy from a Member of this Brotherhood who chose to endow such an incarnate lifestream with the privilege of presenting that blessing to his fellowmen.

The Retreat of The Brotherhood pulsates in the ethers over the Island of Crete. In design, it is like the early Grecian Temples—many-columned, gracefully carved, and of extremely large proportions. It does not look unlike the beautiful Parthenon, erected so long ago to the Beloved Pallas Athene, the Goddess of Truth, who is the Cosmic Patroness of this Brotherhood and whose devotees are desirous of finding and externalizing Truth for the blessing and illumination of all mankind.

The robes of The Brothers are pure white, and embroidered over the heart is a Lighted Lamp, similar to the old fashioned oil cruet, which symbol was incorporated into the activities of The Brotherhood by Diogenes, 412 B. C., at which time he was among the active members of this Order. This symbol signifies, of course, the relentless search for Truth which is the vow and pledge taken by all members of this Brotherhood.

Within this Retreat is one of the most ancient schoolrooms dedicated to the training of chelas in the magnetizing of the Universal Life, and the creating of consciously directed rays by which form may either be created or dissolved, according to the requirement of the God Intelligences so invoking and directing them. Here is taught the mathematical precision by which suns, planets and individual atoms are created and sustained. Here also, the lifestreams are shown how, by controlled thought and feeling, the speed of atoms, the motion of the electrons and the duration of form itself, may be governed. Here precipitation and etherialization become the developed faculty of the Brother or Sister desiring such a gift for the use of the forwarding of the progress of the race.

In this Retreat is a great Audience Chamber where the Master Jesus and Representatives of the great Religions that have blessed the race are given the opportunity of addressing those many lifestreams who either do not believe in God, as such, or who through dis-illusionment and bitter experiences with teachers of religion in whom they trusted, not wisely but too well, have lost their

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ON THE NAME OF JESUS

Excerpts of A Recent Address By Saint Germain

I greet you, Beloved Friends, in the Name of the Ascended Jesus Christ. Do these words not strike a chord through your secret hearts? How often in the centuries gone by—when the worship of the One God was denied through the ruling factions of that day—did we gather in catacombs and caverns, hooded and robed—knowing not each other's faces—charlatans standing by the side of Masters, and only the Name of Jesus as protection against a fate worse than physical death!

Oh, the strength and power within the Name of that Blessed Brother! Many a Saint, releasing the soul from a body on a burning pyre, entered the Heart of Heaven on that Name! Many a discarnate found the gates of hell to open before the mercy of that Name, and many a desperate member of the human race found surcease from pain and agony and confusion through Its magic, potent power! How often I have pondered on the life lived by that Brother which has made of His very Name a natural protection against evil and deception and confusion and all the forces of darkness! So, again I bring to your remembrance *the power within the Name of Jesus*. Use it freely in your individual applications, where you find questions arising unbidden from within or pressure of uncertainties pressing upon you from without.

I have come today from the Heart of that glorious Mountain where the Brothers and Sisters of Heaven are gathering with such great hope and gladness in Their Hearts to see the progress which has been made possible through the endeavors of those of you who have chosen to respond to My present Endeavor.

Oh, if you could see as I do the sincerity and devotion and love within each of your hearts, then you would love, as I do, each one who has made possible a new opportunity for Us to convey to mankind the plans that rest within the Bosom of the Eternal Father, but which can be externalized only through incarnate spirits desiring to know the Will of God.

I remember in early ages—now long forgotten—how I, with others, enjoyed the feeling of God's love—we were like small chickens enjoying the comfort and protection of the wing of the mother hen. We then had no particular desire to participate in the design and plan of this Great Being, whose Warmth of Love we absorbed and in whose Presence we found such Peace, but there came a day when we grew to enough maturity of spirit that our love no longer chose just proximity, but rather desired to *further the Cause* of our Beloved Father and to know something of the reason for the outpouring of His Great Energy. We were then introduced to the Will of God—the Design and Plan—and we

were given the freedom to tie our own energies, graded according to the quality of our nature, into helping externalize that Plan. You, Beloved Friends of Life, are at that same point of spiritual maturity—where religion no longer means a relaxation of your own emotional bodies or a personal peace. You have, before the Cosmic Law, offered to participate in carrying the Consciousness, Will and Design of God into the receptive minds of those who have not yet developed themselves to a place where they may perceive that Design, but yet are willing to abide in it and harness the individual energies of their lives to forwarding that Cause—if a way and means can be devised to reach them.

You have no idea of the tremendous strength of your lives, individually, to have stood through these years and continued to serve—working with an invisible power, living the code of purity and honor which has made you the target for much which I do not care to describe. I cannot commend you too highly for your fidelity and constancy and, greater still, for the fact that you continue to believe in God and Good although your souls have been sinned and your minds have been disillusioned!

My eternal, individual, personal, conscious Gratitude I offer to each of you, individually, because it is a difficult thing to maintain one's faith in the integrity of a Being—who—through force of circumstances—must work through the consciousness of another, and seemingly confute the Law of Love and Justice. Such Friends as you make Our exile from the glorious peace of Heaven a happy one!

You know, yourselves, the peace within the heart when there is one who believes in you—but until the day that the curtain of maya parts and I may stand before you face to face and prove My presence and reality, I am dependent upon your Faith and Constancy for our unbroken Friendship.

Let Me take your hand for a moment, as I have done so often when you laid down those bodies at night time, and draw you out of the atmosphere of the earth where you can look upon the sun and planets that make up our system, and let you just *feel* the relief and release that come from standing in that Christ Estate, rather than enmeshed in the problems and confusion of the realm in which you chose to work.

Standing thus, as we have done so many evenings, you can hear the music of the spheres; the song of the Sun; the melody of the planets, and, if you listen carefully, you will hear the overlapping of the tones of the other planets, endeavoring to cover the silence where the keynote from the earth should rise and join that song; for the mercy of life is such that the belt of energy encircling our shrouded star does not allow that cry of pain and agony to interfere with the music of interstellar space. It is just

as if one key on the piano did not play—to the discriminating ear of the musician the absence of that note is evident—but the careful artist can so arrange his chords that to the average man it would not be apparent.

The brilliance of the stars and planets are easily discernible to your inner sight, but the appearance of the earth is like a grey, revolving shroud, and that dear earth is what you serve . . . It is to such concentration of energy that you and I and others have tied our energy so that one day she may shine like her sister planets and the belt of substance encasing her dissonance will be melted and the Song of Freedom complete the anthem of our Universal Composition.

Coming closer, I want to point your attention to the Solar Devas . . . If it were not for Their intervention the glorious Light from the physical Sun would not interpenetrate that human fog that makes for her climatic conditions and often obliterates the clarity of the blue sky that men enjoy. I would point out to you the investment of energy on the part of the Beings of Nature—the investment of interest on the part of the Angelic Host and the Great Devas of Form. When you enter into the atmosphere of the earth and you can hear that cry as the earth turns on her axis, and every twelve hours feel the break in the rhythm as it hits the low point, you will see with Me the opportunity for service that is within your individual grasp.

I have endeavored for so many centuries to interest a group of people in freeing Life. Again, again and again, certain individuals have responded, *but to hold the vision before them powerfully enough* to keep their enthusiasm stirred through all the long and tedious years of human life is a task for Hercules.

We do welcome every opportunity to speak to your conscious outer minds—to remind you again of that which you know and desire in the freedom of your inner bodies—to fan those fires of enthusiasm and keep them burning in the hope that you will endure unto the end, for that is the secret of leadership for those who are working with lesser minds.

To try to paint a picture is well, but to *hold* it as a living, breathing, palpable manifestation that can be achieved takes a mighty drive of energy. To keep that vision alive among a corporate group made up of individual lifestreams whose doubts and fears and selfish interests invert their sight and consciousness again and yet again is no small task. Just as in voyaging across the Atlantic, I tried through sweat, tenacity and prayer and what is no less important—the *contagion* which lies *within the repetition of a vision* until the consciousness of those upon whom you depend to bring that vision to fruition *can accept it as a fact*—to keep my crew from abandoning our quest. Every being incarnate who has

ever drawn forth anything more than the average consciousness which the masses enjoy, has not only had to hold that vision against his own weaknesses, but has had to drive the energy of his own life into the resisting mass consciousness of the race, and, in ridicule, privation and often bodily discomfort, manifest that vision—if he were able to endure to the end.

I know—for I have been there—but now I am here by your side willing to fire you with the Love of Freedom, with Hope, with Conviction and to assist you as I have done through the ages to bring the Vision of a World Brotherhood into form and being.

Proceed in Peace, in the Name of the One Supreme God and the Beloved Jesus—in the Name of your own Beautiful Presence—and you shall not be deceived . . . you *SHALL* become Ourselves in action.

The Devas came this morning, as They always do prior to a Visitation from any Member of Our Brotherhood, to prepare the canopy of force so that Our *feeling of conviction* when released, might saturate your inner consciousnesses before it spreads out into the world. If you, individually, in the coming days and months and years could take your pattern from this and prepare your soul for meeting with Us, so much more could be anchored into your inner bodies.

For days and weeks and months prior to a Visitation, the Holy Men of India, China and Asia proper, prepare their inner bodies in such communion as we now enjoy so that not one *ounce* of energy might be lost. The Western World lives so rapidly and you hurry from activity to activity with such little time for preparation of the soul . . . yet We prepare for days before We come . . . sometimes for *weeks* before We come . . . and We take action in council and decide which One will bring the Gift of Radiation—to give the greatest assistance. I, Myself, *go for an hour into the Heart of Silence* before I would *presume* to speak to the Sons of Men.

We have much prepared for you individually and as a Unit when We can *join you as one body*, with the *lips sealed* and with the *hearts open to love*, so that these powers of the Sacred Fire through you may manifest . . . but until that body has learned to hold Our Words in *STRICT CONFIDENCE* We cannot impart these deeper Truths. I feel, however, that it will come, for I know you well—love you deeply . . . Yes, this I shall prove in fact, for I am not a man of fancy. I have worked with Inventors, Explorers, Scholars and Scientists, and My entire lifestream is strictly charged with practicality . . . This, My Beloved Friends, I shall prove to you in the days and years ahead.

I thank you for the privilege of entering into your hearts. I have enjoyed so fully the exquisite music* and long for the day

when this song can be sung collectively in every home before the activities of the day begin, that I may return—on its upward-flowing currents—My Gift of the Violet Flame, to be the Purifying Action within that home for the ensuing twenty-four period. It gives Me more pleasure even than yourselves and I thank you for your individual endeavors in My Name. SAINT GERMAIN

* The words and lyrics of the song "I Love You, Saint Germain," which are being prepared for distribution at this time.

THE LORDS OF KARMA AND THE KARMIC BOARD

Situated in the Lower Etheric Realms is the Great, White Square Building which has been referred to by many as the "Judgment Hall," but which in reality is a Temple of Great Mercy and Love, known as the Halls of Karma.

Through this building passes every lifestream after its release from physical embodiment, and through the same building must every re-incarnating soul pass before it is given its assignment into a new earth body.

There is no lifestream that is not acquainted with the Halls of Karma, and it is often because the sphere to which the soul is delegated because of its questionable activities in life that the individual has brought back a dread of "judgment," and has incorporated into the theology of the various creeds the doctrine of the Wrath and Punishments of Jehovah.

A thorough understanding of the Great Service rendered the evolving souls upon the planet by those Mighty Beings known as the Lords of Karma will take this fear of death and judgment from the consciousness and feeling world of the aspirant and help the individual passing through the change called "death" as well as his loved ones remaining yet in the earth sphere, to anticipate the experience and to assist himself in receiving the greatest possible benefit from such experience.

The great process of evolution requires that the soul of man must incarnate in a physical body and learn to master the control and qualification of energies (Life) in order to qualify for certain spiritual offices in the scheme of universal evolution. Many beings, of course, never chose to incarnate, but for the sake of brevity and clarity, we will consider only those who voluntarily chose to assume physical incarnation, either as Guardians of the human race, or in order to gain experience and mastery of energy as a member of this evolution.

In order to regulate the entrance of these souls into physical bodies, give them an opportunity to develop and mature on the earth, and then release them at the close of a certain cycle to make room for other lifestreams awaiting an opportunity to enter the

school room of earth, a Board of Celestial Beings was created, whose many, diversified, and complex responsibilities are concerned with the provision of the greatest possible opportunity of each one of the ten billion souls belonging to this evolution. This Body is known as the Karmic Board, and Its Decisions are final in connection with the disposition of the affairs of mankind, except in the rare instances where petitions are placed before the Suns of the System, and "dispensations" are granted to accelerate the progress of the race. The present members of the Karmic Board are:

Pallas Athene, Goddess of Truth—Kwan Yin, Goddess of Mercy—Vista, the All Seeing Eye of God—Portia, Goddess of Justice—The Goddess of Liberty—The Divine Director and Nada, The Goddess of Love.

If the soul has come to the end of its cycle of incarnations, and there is a possibility that the Ascension may be attained, the Messengers of the Karmic Board oft-times come for the individual *before* he has finally passed through the change called death. Such an one is examined and if his energies qualify him to attain his Victory, he is given the choice of accepting the Ascension or waiting until a later date, in order to re-embodify and better serve mankind. If he chooses to accept the Ascension, sometimes a few days or weeks pass before the silver cord is finally severed, and the life-stream, under the direction of its own Great God Presence, then completes its circle of manifestation in the Ascension in the light. If this occurs, before so called death there is usually a great lightness and happiness about the individual which signifies the anticipation of release to come. The far greater percentage of mankind, however, are not yet ready for this tremendous accomplishment, and it is particularly to these lesser sons of men that the Karmic Board are so exceedingly kind.

At the moment when the soul is about to leave the body, the Personage of the Maha Chohan, who was present at the birth of the individual, and breathed the first breath into the body, prepares to accept the final breath of the departing spirit. As the Maha Chohan accepts the breath, the silver cord is severed, and an Angel or Master awaits the soul, and conveys such an one—usually—to the gentle and comfortable "Rest" that is the orthodox heaven of mankind's general belief. Here, after a shorter or longer rest, during which time the blessed soul is allowed to meet certain friends and loved ones who are available, if they have not re-incarnated or been assigned to inaccessible heights, again appears a Messenger of the Karmic Counsel and such an one is summoned to appear before Them, and be assigned to such a Sphere or Schoolroom as They, in Their Great Wisdom, feel will best hasten the development of the God Nature within the individual life-stream.

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NOTICE: November 1st is All Souls Day when prayers for the deceased are offered by the churches. This suggested prayer might be used, particularly during the month of November with this special intention.

Daily Prayer For Mankind Who Are Leaving The Earth Today

Beloved Presence of God, "I Am" in the Hearts of all mankind! Beloved Lord Michael, the Archangel of Deliverance, and Your Angelic Host!

In the name of the mankind of earth—particularly those who shall be called forth from their mortal forms this day—I make this call! Let the Angels of Peace stand by the physical body of each soul and hold the atmosphere and feelings where such release is taking place at perfect peace! Let the aura of Sanctity abide at the solemn hour of transition, that the soul may be easily cut free from its earthly tabernacle, and no grief nor fear nor sorrow distress it at the thresh-hold of New Freedom!

Let the Angels of Deliverance meet each soul! Let not a life-stream belonging to our evolution pass through the veil of so called death "unattended!" Let each one be taken quickly to the Temples of Mercy and Forgiveness and be bathed in the purifying fires of Saint Germain's Violet Flame! Let them be prepared to enter the Halls of the Lords of Karma in dignity, and in conscious awareness, and let each one be assigned to a School Room of the Masters and joyously and happily enter into the study of the Law of their own life!

I call to the Lords of Mercy and Love to enfold all those whose loved ones are about to leave this earth, and all those whose loved ones have just left the earth, to melt away all selfish grief and sorrow, and to fill each heart and home with happiness and gratitude for the opportunity afforded the loved one to know freedom and progress upon Life's Path! So be it!

IT IS OUR GREAT JOY TO ANNOUNCE

the release of the second book of our series entitled "Beloved ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, His Work and His Helpers." This should be ready for sale by November 1st, 1953, and we know our gentle readers will be delighted with its appearance and contents. It presents recent and absolutely authentic information about This Great Being and the Angels under His direction, as well as the Cherubim and Seraphim, which information is entirely new and never before published by anyone anywhere. We shall be glad to accept your advance orders for this book. The price is \$2.00 per copy.



THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK



MAHA CHOHAN

If We could hold the attention of any of you as long as you can entertain a hurt feeling or a sense of privation, We would have the open door to your complete freedom.

You, in the Western World, do not know discipline of mind, emotions or body, but, for those of you who aspire to Mastery, the easiest way to achieve Peace is to *throw the full power of your attention all the time* on some good manifestation of life—it may be either a God Quality in yourself or another, a beautiful, inspiring picture or poem, or a Master's words or likeness. However, you must be constantly alert as to that upon which you allow your attention to rest. For instance, you would not deliberately drink arsenic or iodine, yet you poison your whole lifestream every time that you allow yourself to see or record less than God's Full Perfection by permitting your life energy, through your attention, to rest upon discordant appearances.

KUTHUMI

Every lifestream on the Path, sooner or later, comes to a certain point where he begins to turn to the "Still Small Voice" within the heart. At first the individual begins to rely on intuition, then on inspiration, and, later still, upon that conscious contact which precedes self-conscious mastery, the attainment of which constitutes his Divine Freedom from all human concepts and all human form.

This is the most difficult point upon the Spiritual Path and I ask that when you come to the place where you enter into the Heart of the Silence—where you commune with your own God-Self—that you be extremely wise, alert and careful of the response that you will receive *first of all from your own bodies*—because you are a complex mechanism—a seven-fold being. Now, whereas the glory of your Electronic Body, your Causal Body and your Holy Christ Self can never lead you astray—*your lower bodies have voices, this consciousness and this intelligence of their own*—and these voices, this consciousness and this intelligence within them endeavors often to serve its own selfish ends through you.

One of the chief requirements for Spiritual Mastery is *discrimination*. Call to Me, if you wish—to My Beloved Lord Maitreya—or to the great Lord Buddha for that discrimination *wherein you may recognize the Voice of the Silence*.

Know always that the prompting which builds up the personality, that which gives aggrandizement to the human ego, *is not the "Still Small Voice" of the Presence*, but rather the etheric rumb-

lings of your own past experiences—the emotional desires of your feeling word—or mental concepts and precepts from your past lives.

Remember you have sat in the past before many teachers who have given forth both truth and fallacy and into your mental and emotional bodies and your etheric consciousness are builded those concepts, some of them solidified and petrified and lying dormant within them for centuries. As the Flame begins to surge through you, these concepts are re-vivified and come forth, and you must recognize them for what they are—*not necessarily the Voice of Truth!*

As you proceed into an understanding of The Voice of the Silence—know that that which makes you humble—that which makes you loving—that which makes you pure—that which makes you harmonious—is of God. The feelings that stir within your heart that desire to make of this Star a Planet of Light, to relieve the burden of your fellow-man, to raise those in pain and distress into understanding and harmony—that is of Light. That which *decreases* the personality and *increases* the Power of Christ—that is of God!

EL MORYA

Reason and intellectual knowledge carry the pilgrim across the plains where the grass grows green and the sun shines—and now and again—on the horizon, the white capped Mount of Attainment shines before the dazzled sight of the hopeful aspirant.

Pilgrims on the Path oftentimes become so enamored of the height and beauty of the mountaintop, that they become almost drunken with joy at their pursuit and it is only the unseen, but ever-present Messengers of God who accompany them, that know of the perilous path between their present happy flight and the summit of that Mount of Attainment.

When man first came forth from God he created a Bridge by the beam of his own attention and he crossed on it from Paradise to earth. After the descent, most men forgot their Divine Origin, and, as the Bridge was built of the beam of their own life energy, it would have become entirely disintegrated—thereby forever cutting off their return—were it not for the strong and valiant souls who volunteered to come and guard them. These Guardian Spirits while moving with men in the world of form, yet kept their attention on the Heights, so that a thread of the Bridge might always remain unbroken as a Path of Return to the Father's Home when the free will of the individual so prompted him to seek that freedom.

THE VENETIAN

The conscious connection between the outer mind and the Inner Presence of each lifestream must be re-established through the development of harmony and balance in the lifestream. When man took his attention away from that Presence as the Directing Intelligence behind all activities, he forfeited the Natural Heritage of his Being and for centuries he has groped in the darkness, seeking guidance from all manners of form rather than God. Now, again, man desires to understand his purpose in being and opens the door through which We may, in time, re-establish this natural, conscious contact with the God-Presence. We all bend the energies of Our Lives to this end.

SERAPIS BEY

The inner bodies of the student must be purified and balanced before he can, with any degree of accuracy, even sense the directions of the God Presence with accuracy. The tendency of the awakening Spiritual Fire is to energize the records in the mental, emotional, etheric and physical consciousness, and it is often these energized memories that are mistaken for revelations of a mystical nature which lead earnest hearts astray. Let the sincere aspirant remember that humility, kindliness, self-effacement, purity, and gentleness of spirit are the measures of the Spiritual Presence in man.

HILARION

If an individual seeking Godliness, Health, Happiness and Supply could first understand the power of sustained attention, and then through self conscious endeavor wrest the attention away from the many pulls of the appearance world and anchor that attention on the Presence of God—God's Presence would flow through him on the return currents as the fullness of all he could desire. Saint Germain has said repeatedly, "Where your attention is, there you are; What your attention is upon, that you become."

Radiation and God's Love and Mercy flow through the Universe and man is entirely unaware of it. This outpouring of God's Forgiveness affects the just and the unjust alike, *but* the lever for the man who desires to move forward in self-conscious action lies in the *controlled power of his attention!*

JESUS

There comes the period upon The Path when the Inner Powers strive for ascendancy and the outer consciousness endeavors to retain its hold upon The Temple. He who carries the Awakening Christ within his breast and has not yet learned the secret of surrender to that Christ, is restless indeed. I carried this Breath-

ing God Power through every known channel of learning, hoping that its thirst might there be quenched and I know Peace. At last, in the Retreat in Arabia, the words of My Friend, John the Baptist, became clear to Me—in speaking of the surrender of this outer ego to the Christ—

"I must decrease that *Thou* might increase."

SAINT GERMAIN

Reams of literature have been written adding to the store of occult and metaphysical knowledge, but the requirement of the hour is to present simple instructions which can be applied individually and collectively in tying the energies of the mankind of earth to the energies of The Great White Brotherhood in cooperative, current service.

It is not enough to enjoy the mystical experiences of the Saints, Sages and Initiates of the past—nor—vicariously, to thrill to the exaltation of a brother's or a sister's attainment, nor to have a mental perception of the intricate plan of creation . . . The fact that the world and its individual evolution, for all this knowledge, still remains bound, is indisputable proof that current service, wherein the student is stimulated *by the knowledge of his capacity to participate in the services engaging the energies of the Hierarchy at this present moment*, is the action of the Law which will prove most efficacious in the forward progress of the race at this time.

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faith and conviction in the Supreme Intelligence, the continuity of consciousness of the individual unit, and the important part that each such self-conscious intelligence is to play in the Great Eternal Scheme of Things.

It is suggested that, if the gentle reader knows any individuals presently in embodiment or who have passed from this earth plane in confusion of spirit, they petition the Beloved Hilarion to seek out such a soul and draw that soul into the aura and Presence of His Retreat and give back to such an one Faith—Hope and Belief—built on certainty as to the Presence and All Power of The Father-Mother God! Further, if the invocation to this Brotherhood of Truth could be made on behalf of the blessed doctors, nurses and individuals whose lives are dedicated to alleviating the distress of mankind, a member of this Brotherhood will conduct such an one to the sanctified Aura of this Retreat and bless him or her according to his particular requirement and according to the particular channel of service to Life.

(NEXT MONTH—"SHAMBALLA")

SAINT GERMAIN'S MESSAGE ON THE DEDICATION OF HIS BOOK "THE SEVENTH RAY"

BELOVED FRIENDS OF FREEDOM:

I greet you, each one, in the Name of Freedom to all Life! When once you are privileged to *see* and experience through your own feeling nature, the joy that is within life when it is set free into its natural estate, you too will be so grateful for the opportunity of walking through the world of shadow and, with the Magic Wand of your Own God Life, dispelling those shadows, and allowing imprisoned life to rise again to fulfill its God Destiny!

No one really likes to be a "jailer" and yet all unascended beings are, to some extent, imprisoning life within the very structure of the flesh form, as well as within the distorted condensations of the inner bodies, and beloved people of earth know not how to release that imprisoned life within themselves, nor how to unseal the tomb of matter within which smoulders the spark of Divinity!

It is to bring this knowledge to you who have signified a *desire* to free life that I come! I come gratefully, for the Presence of many Sons and Daughters of Freedom who, through the voluntary cooperation of the outer selves, choose to assist me in setting life free, greatly accelerates the coming of the New Era of God's Freedom when all incarnate spirits will walk in Freedom's Robes, and all incoming lifestreams be welcomed to opportunity, not to "serve a sentence" meted out through past iniquities consciously or unconsciously committed by the groping soul!

The PRESSURE OF ENERGY which is a Cosmic Cause, and which any of Us embody, is so tremendous that it cannot be stayed once it is set into motion. In August of the year 1934, when the beam of Arcturus struck the earth, the Era of Freedom began. It ushers in a minor cycle of 2000 years which, as you know comes under My Personal Direction, and It also completes a Major Cycle of the Maha Chohan's Service to the earth.

In Our Service, THE CAUSE and its EFFECT are the important issue, and not so much "who accomplishes the actual service," although of course the merit goes to the lifestreams who are the Open Door for such accomplishment. As this Onrushing Christ Power surges through the Channels prepared for its dispensation, lifestreams are stirred and respond to the vibration, and join such a Cause. You are among those who have so responded . . . Circumstances, of which you are partially aware, having risen whereby the onrushing Christ Power was not given full Freedom to act through the lifestreams, We could not stop, but must needs proceed to take advantage of the momentum gained and through those able to grasp the Vision of *imparting*

the knowledge and *translating* knowledge into fact, continue to serve Our Cause—to set All Life Free . . . in every kingdom! Freedom is the Keynote of the New Day—not license to indulgence . . . but conscious, illumined free use of Life contributed voluntarily to a common cause!

Countless tons of energy have been invested by the Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Ascended Master Realm to convey the consciousness of God to the uplifted consciousness of the student body. The dissemination of this knowledge could have greatly accelerated the progress of the New Age, but without "breaking bread" the hungry could not be nourished, and as it is through the consciousness of mankind that Freedom must come, We have endeavored to find some individuals willing to "open wide" the flood gates, and allow Us to release Our Word freely to all who choose to accept and utilize it according to the dictates of their own individual conscience.

To this end, I have made some comments upon the Law, and written some simple words upon the application of that Law—and through the kind and gracious assistance of an Old Heart Friend, these words have been drawn together in the book which We present to you as a simple guide of a Friend, to use freely as you choose in serving the Cause of Freedom.

Remember the fulness of the Law of Love of Life . . . and Love is an Activity . . . in which the loving one chooses—not for duty's sake—but for Love's sake, to engage the energies of life in setting imprisoned intelligence and substance free from the distortions that have bound it through the ages . . . It is only *free, joyous, loving, unrestricted service* that shall raise the planet. The world has had the bitter ascetics and fanatics of every religion since the "fall of man" and yet the earth is not free, and only an occasional son or daughter slipped from the wheel of birth and death through tremendous, individual conscious endeavors . . .

What the MASTERS give to you is counsel, if you ask it . . . Love always . . . and full freedom to incorporate the energies and talents of your lifestreams as you are prompted through your own heart prayers and contemplations in service to your brothers and sisters. There are some among you who desire Freedom's Way, else you would not be here, having broken the bonds of superstition and fear, and walked into the sunshine of God's Love and assurance of Eternal Life. To you, We give the opportunity of walking with Us now, and to you individually I give full freedom to walk as you will—knowing always We are available for counsel, and that Our Love is ever with you upon Life's Way.

Yours in loving, humble service to Life,

"I AM"

SAINT GERMAIN

FOR COLUMBUS DAY

DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS OF MY HEART:

From the cramped quarters of a cabin no larger than a small platform, whose seams had sprung through the unequal battle with the relentless seas, I looked through the fogged porthole at the green islands which rose like ephemeral shades out of the morning mist and were the first tangible manifestation of the new and virgin world that my heart had been seeking for so many centuries . . . a land rich in natural growth and free from the blood of men's petty strifes, where Freedom might walk in spotless robes, His crown rest on every head, His love alive in every heart.

This natural theatre I was shown at Inner Levels and I was promised that it would be waiting when the hearts of men desired Freedom more than life itself, if such men could be found or inspired with the desire to enjoy such a God Quality. With this promise, and only My Heart Flame as compass, I incarnated in the foothills of Genoa and the certainty that such a land existed grew in Me as my body grew to manhood. Like David Lloyd, I had only the conviction that "somewhere" such a land existed, but the voluntary bonds of earth's forgetfulness made it necessary for Me to develop from within Myself its possible location and then convince a reluctant Patroness to sponsor My idea, with nothing to offer which might back up conviction but My own inner faith in the reality of the New World.

The driving force of a God idea when pitted against the resistance of man's ignorance, superstition and unbelief is what makes the spark of the spirit fire into a Flame by which accomplishment is manifested.

After the path to this New World was opened, other men desiring Freedom followed, while I yet worked from within my own karmic chains, ever toward a day when this land might be enjoyed by a new race of spiritually mature men and women. I endeavored to write of this in "The New Atlantic," again affirming my faith in a World Brotherhood.

Then, I was offered my Ascension by the Cosmic Law before that vision was accomplished. If it had not been for the counsel of The Goddess of Liberty and The Great Divine Director, I do not think I would have accepted my Ascension before this New Era was established. They promised Me that among the life-streams yet bound by karmic restrictions would be found those who might assume My interest in a Land of the Free and become My body and My very Self in carrying out these plans, completing the work which I had so earnestly and sincerely begun.

You who are here this morning and others of the early American Patriots, are those who stood before the Karmic Board, and offered to represent Me if I were to take the Ascension at that

time. The Lords of Karma accepted your offer so I owe My Ascension in some manner to your kindly assistance. Some of you were with me that autumn morning when the Santa Maria rode anchor off the West Indies, and all are Friends of My Heart from ages that have been. Do you wonder that I love you—that I bless you—that I thank you—and stand with you again? Just know that the Heart of Freedom moves with you wherever you shall abide.

"I AM" always your Friend, and Companion on Life's Way.

SAINT GERMAIN

THE HEALING CHALICE

The Great Creative Essence of all life which is "I AM," The Divine God Presence which abides within all persons and all things, requires, for the purpose of externalization, a form in which to function and express It's perfection and beauty. Thou art that form, Oh child of mortal man, within which abides the Immortal Flame of thine own Divinity, "I AM." Thine own heart is a "Chalice" into which I, Thy Father-Mother God, releases unto thee in carefully measured rhythm, the sacred breath nad heart beat which sustains thy being. Directly from the loving heart of thine own Progenitor flows this ceaseless rhythm which thou has called thine own. Truly it has *become* thine own, my child, for it is *My Gift to thee*. Into the shining Chalice of thine own heart it flows, fanned into a flame by the ceaseless breathing of thine own pulsating being, My Life streams into thee bearing My Joy, My Beauty, My Qualities and Attributes of Perfection to enhance the glory of My Kingdom through thee, My sons and daughters of Light. In thy willful descent into matter, thou hast forgotten the homeland and the "Presence" of thine own self. Only dimly hast thou remembered Me, yet the magnetic Love within My Heart for each of the children of My Heart Flame, is drawing each one home. Joyous is My Heart at the sound of the football of those whose pathway leads them to their Heaven Home.

Within this Flaming Essence of Mine Own Heart Flame which flows to Thee, abides all that Perfection which thou canst so easily attain. T'is only thine own fears which frighten thee. Within thine own heart beat is courage, strength and power to achieve and sustain thy victory, thy triumphant return unto thy Father's mansion, that Kingdom of thine own heart's desiring. Bind thy mortal fears and limitation and distress with steel bands of thine own determination. Wrap them in folds of thine own forgiving love and lay thy burden within the Sacred Fire which blazes ever within the "Chalice" of thine own heart. The Violet Fire of Freedom's Love within thine own Heart Flame shall set thee free, for "I AM" in thee.

HEALING CONTEMPLATION AND DECREES

The Great God Presence which "I AM" is now flaming within the Chalice of mine own heart and the burden of all mortal concepts and desirings is now vanishing as the darkness turns to dawn.

God's Forgiveness and Mercy enfolds my past and in the mantle of Love which It is, only Love remains and "I AM" THAT LOVE.

Disease, pain, sickness and all limitation are but concentrations of God's Divine energy qualified with mortal consciousness of imperfection and there is no place in God's kingdom where they can abide. Inbreathing the Divine Essence of The Breath of Life, I command these appearances to return into the nothingness from which they came and be no more, for "I AM" returning to my Father's Home. In God's Holy Name, I AM NOW FREE!

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NOTE: The above lyrics are intended to be sung to the tune of "Faith of Our Fathers" which is the melody very similar to that which went forth on the Flame from Our Beloved Kuthumi's Retreat in Kashmir. We shall try to have a song for you for each 30-day Retreat period.

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We wish to thank you gentle readers for their response to our suggestion that each one send in one extra subscription to "The Bridge" so that we could keep the twenty pages each month. Many have sent us the money and said they knew of no individual to send it to but perhaps we did. We now suggest the libraries of hospitals, mental institutions, prisons, etc., and if you wish us to do it, we will take care of this for you, applying the subscription wherever it will be most useful. Thank you with all our hearts.

—THE MANAGER